

I. REMARKS


In the Office Action of 17 July 2003 claims 1-10 and 21-27 have been allowed. In response, Applicant appreciates the examination and allowability of these claims.

Claims 11-20 have been rejected pursuant to 35 USC Sec. 102. The Examiner contends that all claim limitations are anticipated by Mellegrin. In response the rejection is respectfully traversed. Mellen does not disclose the claimed step of shipping ... in accordance with waybill shipping information signals triggered by said ordering center apparatus. Indeed, Mellen does not mention waybill shipping information signals let alone said signals triggered by said ordering center apparatus.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. If the prosecution of this case can be in any way advanced by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824. If any issue remains, Applicant also requests an interview.

APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235, and if any extension of time is needed to reply to said office action, this shall be deemed a petition therefore. Please direct all communication to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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